

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are now pending in the application.

SPECIES ELECTION

The Office Action indicates that this application contains elected claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- a) those claims directed to removing by etching.
- b) those claims directed to removing by sublimation.
- c) those claims directed to removing by melting.

With traverse the Applicant elects the species of etching. Claims 1-16, 18-24, and 26-29 read on at least this species. Though the Applicant submits that each of the generic claims are in condition for allowance, and as such, each of the claims in the present application should be passed to allowance. Further, the Applicant does not surrender any of the subject matter in the non-elected species and reserves the right to have these claims considered in the present application or included in later filed applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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